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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit for preventing
2 iatrogenic infection through a needle, comprising:

3 a cap holding section for disposing and holding therein a cap which covers, when a
4 medical treatment is performed, a needle positioned at the extreme end of a syringe barrel
5 constituting a disposable syringe device;

6 a plurality of members having thicknesses corresponding to cap lengths, and being
7 positioned at an extreme end portion of the cap holding section; and

8 a needle separating section, ^{integrated with the cap holding section} for separating the needle, [which is covered with the cap and
9 fitted on an end of the syringe barrel, ~~therefrom~~ from the syringe barrel,]

10 wherein the cap holding section has bottom portions defined by the plurality of members
11 ~~comprises cap holding sections and a cap length adjustment section for enabling the cap holding~~
12 ~~sections to have different heights and caps having different lengths to be disposed.~~

1 Claim 2 (Original): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim 1,
2 wherein the needle separating section comprises a syringe guide section for guiding the

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disposable syringe device to a predetermined position, and a slanting surface having a predetermined angle is formed on the syringe guide section.

Claim 3 (Withdrawn): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim 1, wherein the cap holding section is integrated with the needle separating section.

Claim 4 (Withdrawn): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim 2, wherein the cap holding section is integrated with the needle separating section.

Claim 5 (Canceled)

Claim 6 (Original): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim 1, wherein the cap holding section comprises a cap locking section.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit for preventing iatrogenic infection infecting through a needle, comprising:

a cap holding section for disposing and holding therein a cap which covered, when a medical treatment was performed, a needle positioned at the extreme end of a syringe barrel constituting a disposable syringe device; and

a plurality of members having thicknesses corresponding to cap lengths, and being

7 positioned at an extreme end portion of the cap holding section,

8 wherein the cap holding section has bottom portions defined by the plurality of members
9 ~~comprises cap holding sections and a cap length adjustment section for enabling the cap holding~~
10 ~~sections to have different heights and caps having different lengths to be disposed.~~

1 Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit for preventing
2 iatrogenic infection infecting through a needle, comprising:

3 a needle separating section for separating the needle, which is covered with the cap and
4 fitted on an end of the syringe barrel, ~~therefrom~~ from the syringe barrel; [[and]]

5 a cap holding section; and

6 a plurality of members having thicknesses corresponding to cap lengths, and being
7 positioned at an extreme end portion of the cap holding section,

8 wherein the cap holding section has bottom portions defined by the plurality of members
9 ~~which is comprised of cap holding sections and a cap length adjustment section for enabling~~
10 ~~the cap holding sections to have different heights and caps having different lengths to be~~
11 ~~disposed.~~

1 Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim
2 1, further comprising a needle accommodation box having auxiliary unit mounting sections on
3 which at least one of the cap holding section and the needle separating section is mounted.

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1 Claim 10 (Original): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim 7,
2 further comprising a needle accommodation box having auxiliary unit mounting sections on
3 which the cap holding section is mounted.

1 Claim 11 (Original): A disposable syringe device auxiliary unit according to claim 8,
2 further comprising a needle accommodation box having auxiliary unit mounting sections on
3 which the needle separating section is mounted.

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